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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

H.F. 1875 establishes a loan forgiveness program for pilots who took out loans to attend a postsecondary institution in Minnesota to earn a professional flight training degree. Pilots could receive up to \$5,000 in loan forgiveness for up to five years. The program would be administered by the Office of Higher Education.

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**1 Aviation degree loan forgiveness program.** Establishes a loan forgiveness program for individuals with debt accrued while earning a professional flight training degree.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines “qualified education loan” and “qualified pilot.” Loans used to attend a postsecondary institution located in Minnesota for a professional flight training degree are eligible for the program. Pilots are eligible for the program if they completed an associate’s or bachelor’s degree in flight training and have obtained (or are in the process of obtaining) an airline transport pilot certificate.

**Subd. 2. Creation of account.** Establishes an account within the Office of Higher Education to administer the loan forgiveness program.

**Subd. 3. Eligibility.** Defines eligibility requirements for the program. Qualified pilots with qualified educational loans who submit applications to the Office of Higher Education are eligible for loan forgiveness.

**Subd. 4. Loan forgiveness.** Authorizes the Office of Higher Education to select individuals to receive loan forgiveness. Limits loan forgiveness to a maximum of

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\$5,000/year for up to five years. Requires pilots to verify with the commissioner that the loan forgiveness has been applied to the designated education loan.

**Subd. 5. Rules.** Authorizes the Office of Higher education to adopt rules to implement the program.

- 2**      **Loan Forgiveness; appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to the commissioner of higher education to fund the loan forgiveness program established in section 1.